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News in Brief

Basewide garage sale set
A basewide garage sale begins 8 a.m. May 8. The garage sale takes place in base housing for members who live on base and in the Whiteman Elementary School parking lot for members who live off base. Military members and Department of Defense civilians wanting to host a sale can sign up at the housing office, call 687-1840 or e-mail carol.descombes@whiteman.af.mil by May 7.

Ozark Inn closes temporarily
The Ozark Inn temporarily closes its doors for renovations beginning today after dinner. It's tentatively scheduled to re-open Aug. 1. For more details, call Tech. Sgt. Gary James, 509th Services Squadron, at 687-5476.

Mandatory safety day briefings set
Mandatory safety briefings for all active-duty members take place Monday at the 442nd Fighter Wing 5 Bay hangar.
✓ 10 a.m. 509th Operations Group, 509th Maintenance Group and 509th Bomb Wing Staff.
✓ 1 p.m. Mission Support Group and Medical Group.
✓ 3 p.m. 442nd Fighter Wing and base tenants units.

Officer Bill Cain with the National Crime Prevention Task Force will be the guest speaker. The briefings will cover a broad range of personal safety topics. The National Crime Prevention Task Force has provided its Street Smart Briefing to government agencies, schools and military organizations across the nation for the last 10 years. The briefings are open, but not mandatory, for all reservists, guardsmen, civilians and dependents. For more details, call the safety office at 687-7233.

Post office closed after duty hours
Due to recent vandalism and thefts occurring around the post office, the building will be locked after duty hours until further notice. The new hours are 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. weekdays and 9- 11 a.m. Saturdays. Post office box users will no longer have access to their mail after duty hours. For more details, call Staff Sgt. Cleo Davis, 509th Communications Squadron, at 687-5107.

Blood drive scheduled
A blood drive takes place noon - 6 p.m. May 13-14 at the community center. For more details, call 1st Lt. Allison Thigpen at 687-3183.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Wilson

Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, 8th Air Force commander, presents a small token to Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, after the change-of-command ceremony Wednesday.

Wing welcomes new CC

By 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Col. Chris Miller assumed command of the 509th Bomb Wing from Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg during a change-of-command ceremony Wednesday at the 442nd Fighter Wing 5-bay hangar.

Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, 8th Air Force commander, presided over the ceremony.

In assuming command, Colonel Miller claimed a new challenge for the wing: "Take a unit that is 99.9 percent perfect and make it better."

"That's harder than it sounds," Colonel Miller said. "We can and should enjoy our successes even as we improve on them."

The incoming commander outlined three goals for the 509th Bomb Wing.

"We must develop and care for every Airman," Colonel Miller said. "That means providing training and experience to our Airmen, and support to their families. Second, we must be ready to deploy, as individuals and as a wing."

"Finally, we must be ready to fight. Whether we deploy or fight from home station, we must be able

to employ the nation's premier bomber with deadly effect when and where we are directed. That's a team effort and it's not as easy as you've made it look."

Recounting recent 509th accomplishments, General Carlson noted the wing reduced turnaround times for the B-2 by 50 percent for Operation Iraqi Freedom, executing 47 combat sorties and logging more than 1,600 hours — the equivalent of 67 days of continuous flight.

"Combat success coupled with evaluation excellence led to having the B-2 declared fully operational capable under his (General Raaberg's) watch," General Carlson said.

As he relinquished command, General Raaberg noted the wing's mission is far from over.

"This is a wartime change of command," General Raaberg said. "Whiteman's Air Force, its Army and Navy units have met the challenge in combat. Now over 200 509ers are deployed with many more poised to deploy," he said. "I have ultimate confidence that Chris will fly this installation, this wing and the B-2 to a new altitude of success. Godspeed to you and your wing command team."

General Raaberg was reassigned as the deputy operations officer (J-3), U.S. Central Command. He'll soon deploy to Southwest Asia to oversee operations from CENTCOM's forward headquarters.

Colonel Miller is a distinguished graduate of the Air Force Academy. His career assignments include squadron and group command of B-1 units during that system's integration into the Air Force inventory. He served as a policy advisor to the U.S. Ambassador to NATO, as a military fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, and most recently as director of assignments at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

"Chris Miller has contributed to the list of firsts for the 509th as the first incoming commander to be qualified in the B-2," said General Carlson, who also noted the colonel "has an academic resume of international proportions."

Outlining the half-century progress of the 509th from "khakis and vacuum tubes" to "Nomex, Gore-tex and composites," Colonel Miller gave General Carlson a guarantee: "We will be ready when you call on us."

Commander's Corner

By Col. Chris Miller
509th Bomb Wing Commander

Thanks for welcoming my family and me to Whiteman. Rhonda, our children and I are excited and honored to be a part of this outstanding team. We look forward to getting to know you in the months ahead!

It's clear that much good work went into preparing for Wednesday's change of command ceremony. My thanks to Lt. Col. Jeff "Coach" Long for leading the way and to all the many 509ers who helped make that day a memorable one for the Raaberg and Miller families. Thanks also to the many community members who honored our unit by attending the event.

The reputation of this wing is well known. From the atomic bombing missions half a century ago, to the fabulous first Unit Compliance Inspection just half a month ago, the 509th Bomb Wing hits the target every time.

It's both humbling and a great privilege to assume the helm of such a well-oiled machine. Your recent performance

reinforces the great confidence I have in you. Your record, both in combat and under inspection, speaks for itself.

Only a few months ago, you recognized the 10th anniversary of the B-2's arrival here, and rightfully celebrated the declaration of this weapon system as fully operational capable. That capped a decade of achievements, but also pointed to the future.

Our work is never done, particularly at this crucial time in history when our nation faces an elusive enemy in a war unlike any we've ever fought.

Starting with the communities of central Missouri, all the way to the senior leadership in our nation's capital, we are blessed with great support. With our partners, the 442nd Fighter Wing, the 1-135th Attack Battalion, Mobile Inshore Underwater Warfare Unit 114 and Joint Fires Network Unit 1, Team Whiteman has been and will remain at the front lines of our nation's defense.

America is lucky to have this team.

Together, we'll continue to add to the B-2's capability, and to the 509th and Whiteman legacies, in the years to come.



Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, addresses local media representatives after assuming command of the 509th BW Wednesday.

10 pieces of advice from 22 years of AF life



Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

Lt. Col. Diane Holmgren, 509th Comptroller Squadron commander, Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth Gold, Tech. Sgt. William Pauley and Airman 1st Class Mae Ferrer, 509th CPTS members, review training materials.

Lt. Col. Diane Holmgren

509th Comptroller Squadron Commander

In the blink of an eye, 22 years in the Air Force has passed by and what an experience it has been. Despite all the moves (10) and the demands of the military way of life, I wouldn't trade a minute of it.

The Air Force has changed me for the better. I'm no longer the person who entered the military 22 years ago. I see this change when I go home to visit family in Texas. My sisters and brother have hardly left Texas, much less traveled to a foreign country.

So, what I have learned in my 22 years? Here are 10 tidbits of advice that have worked for me.

✓ You can get more flies with honey than vinegar. If honey doesn't get the job done, then you can turn to vinegar. Most people respond better if you ask them politely to do something for you. It all boils down to respect — treat folks the way you want to be treated.

✓ Life and work are like a game of poker — often times you're dealt a hand of cards. However good or bad your hand is, you must play them to the best of your ability. In other words, you don't always have control over many facets of your job or life. For example, you can't control who you work with or for, manning levels, work environment or other constraints and limitations. You must work with what you have. Do the best you can and things will eventually work out.

✓ If given a position of leadership, surround yourself with the best people. Hand-select the right people for your key leadership positions.

✓ At the end of the day, you must be able to look at yourself in the mirror. Make sure you're doing the right things for the right reasons.

✓ Leave your unit or job in better shape than you found it!

✓ Change is often difficult. Tasks may seem overwhelming. Start by taking baby steps. You'll get there before you know it.

✓ Follow through. Your word is your bond. Everyone in the unit depends on you to carry through on your promises and to do the job you've been assigned.

✓ You have to pick your battles. You can't solve the world's problems, but you can concentrate on fixing the most important problems within your control.

✓ Don't forget to say thank you and pat someone on the back for a job well done.

✓ Have some fun! Work is pragmatic, not punishment. Take the time to find enjoyment wherever possible. If you're the boss, you need to help workers find the fun in their jobs or offer low-cost morale events to inject the fun and reward them for their efforts.

While this list won't ever make it into a best-selling novel on leadership or make David Letterman's top 10 list, this philosophy has worked for me. I can look back over my 22 years and be proud of my accomplishments and know I've made a difference. I hope they work as well for you!

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Wing announces quarterly winners

The 509th Bomb Wing honored the first quarter award winners during a luncheon at Mission's End April 22. The winners are:

Company Grade Officer

Capt. Derrick Ossmann, 509th Security Forces Squadron, is the Company Grade Officer of the Quarter.

As the assistant operations officer, he led seven sections in preparation for the wing's first Unit Compliance Inspection. Captain Ossmann helped oversee response procedures of a suspicious letter incident at the post office. He also rewrote the SFS Phase 1 and 2 mobility exercise plan.

Captain Ossmann was named inquiry official for security investigation. He also compiled data on armored highly mobile multipurpose wheeled vehicles for Central Command in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He led a joint emergency services team training session with local police authorities.

Off duty, he's mentored 24 enlisted members on Air Force ROTC programs. Captain Ossmann also volunteered to speak to ROTC cadets at the University of Kansas and the University of Missouri. Additionally, he has organized visits to the veteran's home in Warrensburg.



Senior NCO

Senior Master Sgt. Steven Gardner, 509th Maintenance Squadron, is the Senior NCO of the Quarter.

The B-2 maintenance superintendent's responsible for 65 percent of B-2 maintenance actions. He was also the catalyst for 277 sorties and 660 flying hours to help meet quarterly goals.

Sergeant Gardner helped prepare the unit for the Logistics Standardization and Evaluation inspection, which resulted in one benchmark rating, five honor roll ratings and three honorable mentions. He also directed nine local manufacturer requests of non-procurable assets. Sergeant Gardner coordinated a hydraulic leak repair plan and cut downtime by 12 days.

Off duty, he coordinated the 2003 Maintenance Profession of the Year banquet. He also organized a Thanksgiving dinner for more than 250 Airmen. He's the squadron's Top 4 president. Sergeant Gardner recently completed his master's degree in professional aeronautical studies.



NCO

Tech. Sgt. Albert Concepcion, 509th Comptroller Squadron, is the NCO of the Quarter.

The NCO in charge of document control was chosen by his flight commander to manage the critical financial document control section.

His work resulted in more than 8,000 military pay documents processed with a 97 percent accuracy rate. He also corrected two long-standing critical Air Force Financial Management Indicator discrepancies and fixed nine out-of-balance



vouchers through the Defense Joint Military Pay and accounting system. Sergeant Concepcion also ensured military pay and disbursements, and collections were balanced. This resulted in 100 percent accountability of \$2.3 million.

Off duty, he's the 509th CPTS booster club president and also sponsored a local family, donating more than \$1,200 in clothing, food and toys. He's also a member of the Knob Noster High School band booster club.

Airman

Airman 1st Class Marc Bakker, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, is the Airman of the Quarter.

The electrical power production journeyman was ranked first among 205 Airmen for maintaining 66 generators valued at \$2.5 million. Airman Bakker successfully replaced an \$89,000 generator and automatic transfer panel in Bldg. 509. He also repaired a defective 1,500-watt engine block heater for the base sewer lift station generator.

Airman Bakker repaired the Mobile Aircraft Arresting System in under six hours. He was also a key member of a team that installed automatic transfer panels at the aircraft control radar site and base heat plant.

Off duty, Airman Bakker is an American Red Cross CPR instructor and has trained 50 people on breathing and cardiac emergency skills. He's also a youth leader at his church. He volunteers as a tutor for Airmen enrolled in college classes and Airmen taking career development courses.



Honor Guard

Airman 1st Class Robert Legg, 509th Munitions Squadron, is the Honor Guard Member of the Quarter.

Airman Legg flawlessly performed 18 details including 12 retiree, four veteran and five colors presentations. He's also the primary custodian of the honor guard's ammunition account and he's an alternate M-14 weapons custodian.

The weapons maintenance team member supported two Department of Energy Ross aviation missions. He also completed four launch loader inspections, and identified and corrected four hardware deficiencies.

Off duty, the Airman volunteered 12 hours cleaning up after squadron basketball games and is an active member of his units intramural sports teams. He also volunteered six hours for the "Adopt a Highway" local highway cleanup program.



Civilian Associate

Richard Stroud, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, is the Civilian Associate of the Quarter.

The firefighter trained and certified 30 firefighters to the confined space emergency operations level.

He also fully certified eight shift firefighters on operating and maintaining advanced rescue tools. He led a controlled airfield burn, and helped eight firefighters and spent nine hours on



cover burns. Additionally, Mr. Stroud is also a mentor to other firefighters. He conducts 12 hours of rescue training per month. Mr. Stroud was the lead rescuer of a B-2 extraction exercise during the recent Nuclear Surety Inspection. He has another role as a rescue rope monitor. Mr. Stroud researches standards and conducts weekly inspections.

Off duty, he's the president of the Whiteman Crash Firefighters Association. He has coordinated and organized flight events and fundraisers.

Laborer/Craftsman

Jimmy Ivie, 509th CES, is the Laborer/Craftsman of the Quarter.

The carpenter planned, coordinated and supervised a readiness warehouse construction project. The \$10,000 project is used to train Airmen in construction techniques.

Mr. Ivie was the crew leader for a \$16,000 upgrade of the alert facility. He also spearheaded an effort to secure a hangar roof. He supervised 15 Airmen during the filling and replacement of more than 2,000 sand bags. Additionally, he helped complete a renovation of the 509th CES Fire Department's weight room. He also trains 40 members of his shop in safety programs. He also identified damage on an overhead door during an emergency maintenance call.

Off duty, Mr. Ivie coaches a little league baseball team. He also is a scorekeeper and football coach for a local youth football team.



Specialist/Manager

Eileen Hawkins, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, is the Specialist/Manager of the Quarter.

The training and security manager was a finalist for the 2003 Air Combat Command Daedalian Award. Mrs. Hawkins established an automated program to help trainees improve their comprehension level.

She developed a training program that tracks specialty and ancillary training. Additionally, Mrs. Hawkins spearheaded corrections to training deficiencies.

Off duty, she's a member of the Knob Noster Middle School parent activities committee. Mrs. Hawkins is also a supporter and contributor of the Knob Noster Show Me Christian Youth Home.



Volunteer

Wanda Ballard is the Volunteer of the Quarter. She's the Whiteman Elementary School Parent/Teacher Organization board president. Mrs. Ballard volunteered more than 110 hours for Whiteman Elementary School.

Mrs. Ballard helped run the Spring Scholastic Book Fair and facilitated monthly PTO board meetings. Additionally, she organized a renovation of the school's courtyard and required 45 volunteers for the project. She also helped with Drug Awareness and Resistance Education. Mrs. Ballard helped plan an end-of-the-year carnival.





Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Airman 1st Class Carly Evans, 509th Mission Support Squadron, talks with Chief Master Sgt. Nancy Taulbee, 509th MSS, about helping Airmen who wish to re-enlist. Air Force officials will place new limits on re-enlistments on Airmen in constrained specialties. For more details, call the military personnel flight at 687-6427.

Officials explain CJR 'waiting list'

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — To help meet end-strength goals under force shaping, Air Force officials will limit re-enlistments of Airmen in constrained specialties by establishing quotas, a waiting list and career job reservation application windows.

"All first-term Airmen must have an approved career job reservation before re-enlisting in the Air Force," said Tech. Sgt. Dee Wolfe, NCO in charge of re-enlistments at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "That job reservation may now be a little bit harder to get depending on their specialty."

First-term Airmen serving in career fields that are currently overmanned may not be allowed to re-enlist, unless they're approved to retrain in another specialty.

"Those who are not approved for retraining or don't receive a CJR will be projected for separation," said Master Sgt. Robert Tullgren, enlisted skills management branch superintendent. "We encourage Airmen to continue serving the military with the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve or through military civilian employment."

The list of overmanned specialties and quotas is established by Air Staff officials, he said.

Only first-term Airmen selected for re-enlistment by their commander will be allowed to apply for a CJR.

Airmen in their CJR window will receive a monthly written notification advising them of their eligibility to apply. The notification will also advise them of retraining or separation options.

Airmen desiring to re-enlist in overmanned specialties will be placed on a CJR waiting list and "rank ordered" to compete monthly for available quotas within the specialty. An Airman's ranking on the list may alter as information changes, or as new people apply.

Factors affecting how Airmen rank on the list are determined by: unfavorable information file, top three enlisted performance reports, current grade, projected grade, date of rank, total active federal military service date and date of birth.

Airmen will receive final rank-order consideration during the last month of their CJR window. That is when Airmen will face the final decision of whether to separate or retrain into a shortage career field.

For more details, call the military personnel flight's re-enlistment office at 687-3171 or visit the AFPC re-enlistment Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enl-skills/Reenlistments/CJR.htm>.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Welcome back

Melinda Bratton, a shoppette employee who volunteered to deploy overseas, received a commander's coin from Col. Gary Finchum, 509th Mission Support Group commander, April 15. Ms. Bratton deployed Sept. 26-March 23 to Logistics Support Area Anaconda in Balad, Iraq. There she joined 35 Americans, 72 Iraqis and 23 other employees from surrounding countries at the installation's base exchange. The Knob Noster native stocked shelves and ran cash registers for 12 hours a day, seven days a week. Ms. Bratton is a 13-year AAFES employee.

Travel cards: New online payment option makes it easier to avoid errors

By Staff Sgt. Todd Lopez

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Airmen with government travel cards can now make payments to their accounts online.

The "MyEasyPayment" system allows Airmen with government travel cards to pay off residual or unexpected charges not covered by split disbursement payments, said Josephine Davis, the Air Force banking liaison officer.

Per Department of Defense regulation, travel card split disbursement payments are mandatory for military members and for civilians; however, there are unavoidable situations when the split-disbursed amount doesn't cover the total charges.

Airmen are required to use their government cards for airline tickets, hotels and rental cars for military travel. They may also use their cards to purchase meals and to get cash for incidental expenses.

When Airmen return from travel, they file a voucher to be reimbursed for their expenses. That payment, or disbursement, is split between the Airman's personal-checking account and travel-card account. Airmen are responsible for indicating how much money should be sent to the travel-card account. If the traveler miscalculates the amount owed on the travel card, there can be residual or unexpected charges still owed.

An example of an unexpected or residual charge is

when an Airman makes a purchase overseas and the exchange rate changes before the merchant processes the charge, Ms. Davis said.

"There could be additional money owed there," she said. "Instead of the transaction costing \$50, it may now cost \$52."

Another example is when Airmen lose receipts and forget about charges on their cards.

Despite those types of errors, Ms. Davis said Airmen are still responsible for paying off their accounts in full.

"Just like with any other credit card, it's our responsibility to know what we owe," Ms. Davis said. "Sometimes you need to call the bank and find out what you need to pay. This system gives you the opportunity to make those payments."

The residual payment system is available at <https://www.myeasypayment.com>.

To use the system, cardholders must know the amount they want to pay on the card, the card's account number and security code, and their checking account and bank routing numbers. Cardholders can also check their account balance by calling the toll-free number on the back of the card.

Airmen with questions about being reimbursed for unexpected or residual charges on their accounts can call the 509th Comptroller Squadron Finance Customer Service office at 687-7911. (1st Lt. Jason Williams, 509th CPTS, contributed to this story.)





Did you know you can fill out a Department of Defense Form 2266, Hometown News Release, for a variety of accomplishments? For more details, call Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp at 687-6128.

Wing recognizes 52 promotees at ceremony

The 509th Bomb Wing recognized 52 people during the monthly promotion ceremony Monday at Mission’s End. They are:

Airman Elijah Reynolds, 509th Communications Squadron.

Airmen 1st Class Mary Bauzon, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Chane Bradshaw**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Matthew Brinkman**, 509th CES; **Nicky Cruz**, 509th CES; **Michael Czepyha**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Kyle Davis**, 509th AMXS; **Lisa Halstead**, 509th Services Squadron; **Mirijam Taylor**, 509th LRS; and **Ryan Wilson**, 509th CS.

Senior Airmen Moises Alhambra, 509th SVS; **Michelle Bagalawis**, 509th Munitions Squadron; **Latisha Banks**, 509th SVS; **Virgil Bass**, 509th MUNS; **Robert Brousseau**, 509th CES; **Eric Carpenter**, 509th CES; **Anthony Clement**, 509th CS; **Kyle Field**, 509th Maintenance Squadron; **William Harvey**, 509th CES; **Charles Hines**, 509th Security Forces Squadron; **Lavonne McFarlane**, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron; **Delvin Prince**, 509th LRS; **Kayode Salami**,

509th LRS; **Trevor Stephens**, 509th CES; **Jeremy Walsh**, 509th MUNS; **Mark Westover**, 509th MXS; **Christopher Wilkinson**, 509th CES; and **Johnny Williams**, 509th SFS.

Staff Sgts. Yvette Arambula, 509th AMXS; **Ledain Brocato**, 509th MXS; **James Brock**, 509th SFS; **Dustin Hahn**, 509th MXS; **Christopher Johnson**, 509th AMXS; **Jacqueline Priessman**, 509th SFS; **Alan Reynolds**, 509th CS; **Ethan Souder**, 509th MXS; **Trandin Watkins**, 509th MXS; and **Joseph Weir**, 509th MXS.

Technical Sgts. James Baker, 509th CS; **Richard Barker**, 509th LRS; **Loren Cheney**, 509th Maintenance Group; **Shelby Crites**, 509th CS; **Shane Hagemeier**, 509th CS; **Keith Kelchen**, 509th BW; **Robert Kerner**, 509th MXG; **Larry Myers**, 509th MXS; and **Misti Rude**, 509th LRS.

Master Sgts. Peter Mere, 509th BW; **Gary Schnur**, 509th LRS; and **Michael Walbom**, 509th MXS.

Senior Master Sgts. Patrick Rodriguez, 509th CES, and **John Vassallo**, 509th BW.

Chief Master Sergeant John Little, 509th CES.

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The ladder of success

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Duffey, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, looks up to the cockpit of a B-2. Sergeant Duffey earned a pilot slot in officer training school. He'll attend OTS at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, May 25 to Aug. 13. Sergeant Duffey said he appreciates the chances and help he has been given. "I put a lot of time into my studies, as well as pursuing flight training and it paid off in the end," he said. "I've been given the opportunity to have one of the most rewarding careers there is." For more OTS selectees, check next week's issue of the *Whiteman Spirit*.



Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

Pump it up!

Robert Hahn, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, operates an air-powered fuel pump to transfer fuel from an underground tank to an above-ground fuel cell. The transfer was done so the tank can be removed and an air-conditioning unit could be installed.

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Whiteman Spirit Award



Airman 1st Class Juan Washington

509th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Airman 1st Class Juan Washington, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, Monday.

Tech. Sgt. Keith Johnson, 509th Services Squadron, nominated Airman Washington for the award.

On April 18, Sergeant Johnson was preparing a distinguished visitor vehicle and found the engine wouldn't start. He asked Airman Washington, who was working at the vehicle dispatch desk, for help.

After Airman Washington successfully restarted the vehicle, he noticed the car was dusty and decided to wash the vehicle.

"He didn't stop there," said Sergeant Johnson.

Airman Washington noticed that the wing and vice wing commander vehicles were dirty as well. Airman Washington washed both cars.

"He (washed the vehicles) because it needed to be done — not because he was asked to," Sergeant Johnson said. "I wish we had more troops like him."

Personally Speaking

Duty title: Vehicle operator dispatcher

Time on station: 2 years, 3 month

Time in service: 3 years, 8 months

Hometown: Hayward, Calif.

Hobbies: Spending time with family, playing video games and break dancing.

Goals: To make a career out of the Air Force.

Best thing about Whiteman: The base swimming pool.

Pet peeves: A hot rod Honda Civic without aftermarket suspension.

If you could change one thing at Whiteman, what would it be? Move the base closer to a big city.

Submitting a Whiteman Spirit Award

Individuals are nominated from within their units or by customers impressed by the individual making Whiteman a better place to live and work by going far beyond his or her assigned duties to "make it happen."

If you know someone who has the Whiteman Spirit, send the nomination to the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 509, Suite 111, or e-mail whiteman.spirit@Whiteman.af.mil.



1st Sergeant's View

(Editor's note: The 1st Sergeant's View gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to remind people of correct uniform wear, customs and courtesies, and proper military decorum. Each week, a different first sergeant will share their view.)

By Master Sgt. James Veal
509th Munitions Squadron First Sergeant

Duty, Honor, Country. You may have heard that phrase before, but can't quite place it.

The phrase is commonplace now, but it was the title of a speech Gen. Douglas MacArthur gave to U.S. Military Academy cadets on May 12, 1962.

The ideals and principles General MacArthur embraced encompass several of the ideals and core values that we embrace today. Duty, Honor, Country — "Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do," are timeless values embraced by professional Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen everywhere.

Duty — It wasn't long ago that duty to your country was an obligation filled by young men. They fulfilled this obligation by volunteering, the draft and through the people who chose to make the military their life's calling. Duty has changed a bit in the past 30 years, but the quality of young men and women in the American armed forces hasn't. Whether they're coming in to the military to get an education, to get away from home, to grow up or just to get a pay check, the fact is they've joined an elite class — the warrior.

As warriors, or professional Airmen, we

adhere to the strict rules and standards passed down to us through generations of true professionals in arms. In the Air Force, we adhere to the core values and the code of conduct. If you look in your "Little Blue Book," you'll notice that the core values are listed and explained.

Integrity First — General MacArthur used words like "chivalry" and "noble" in his definition of honor. These virtues fall under the "Integrity First" core value. Integrity is more than just "doing what's right when no one is looking." Integrity First is courage — moral courage to do what's right. Honesty not only to others, but to yourself. Responsibility and accountability — taking responsibility for your failures and humility in your successes.

Integrity is first for a reason; this is the base concept of the entire core values. You have nothing without integrity.

Excellence in all we do — As soon as you sign on the dotted line, you're a member of a fraternity — to borrow a phrase from Stephen Ambrose, "a Band of Brothers." Joining the Air Force, as well as any of the other sister services, is an obligation not to be taken lightly. This isn't just a job, nor is it just a great way to pay for college. This is a deadly serious profession where everything you do is literally a life or death decision.

Even in the work place, excellence should be your daily catch phrase. You're already at work, you must do your best at your job. It's not like you're going anywhere for a few hours. The "Little Blue Book" mentions things like "mutual respect" and refers to giving your co-work-



Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

Tech. Sgt. David Hodges, 509th Bomb Wing First-Term Airmen Center superintendent, stresses the importance of the Air Force core values to Whiteman's newest troops.

ers the benefit of the doubt. Excellence has a tendency to rub off on others.

Service Before Self — This may be the hardest of the core values to really achieve and appreciate. We're asking each Air Force member to place their country, family and people they may not know above their personal safety and gain. As humans, this is contrary to our nature.

We learn in psychology that survival is the most primitive and primary focus of our being. We're asking our young men and women to place others before ourselves. Don't get me wrong, I have no intentions of dying foolishly. I prefer the other guy to die for his cause, but if it comes down to it, I'm willing to do so if it serves the greater good. Service Before Self doesn't necessarily deal with just

dying for our country. It's also helping our community, respecting the rights and freedoms of others, and following the rules and regulations that maintain good order and discipline. We do it for the betterment of society, and to make the world a safer place for our children and future generations.

Honor — The profession of arms is one of the oldest and respected professions known to man. The rules and standards are generally accepted throughout the world. Military professionals obey and respect the laws of armed conflict. The war we're waging right now is with people who neither respect nor understand the laws of armed conflict. This is why it's doubly important that the Soldiers, Marines and

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Airmen know the laws of armed conflict and adhere to them as tightly as a mother to her child. This is what sets the professional Soldier apart from criminals and terrorists. Don't cheat, steal or lie. Protect women and children, don't take up arms against civilians, exhibit courage and crush evil. These deeds exhibit honor, one of the true values of the Airman.

Country — The love of country is hard to define and explain. As an Airman, I will defend my country against all enemies, foreign or domestic. I will fight to the death, if necessary, to defend my country from any aggression that

may be forced upon it. This includes taking the fight to the enemy. The war on terrorism is better fought where the enemy is, rather than waiting for something to happen to us.

After the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, the government and the military took decisive action against a known enemy and harborer of terrorists. The world is a safer place because we took the fight to the enemy. Could we have cowered and given in to their demands? Sure. But the United States and its allies would be cowering to evil. We defend our country as a community of friends, family and

strangers.

We're Airmen of the highest caliber fighting evil throughout the world to protect our way of life, to protect our family and to protect freedom.

Duty, Honor, Country — Words Airmen should live by daily. As you go through your daily struggles, try to remember all who have made the ultimate sacrifice to defend the rights of people they've never met. Whether they knew it or not, their devotion to these words and their core values will endure: through every American that lives now and in the future.

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Space available

The base marquee at the Spirit Gate is available for messages. To schedule a message, call Senior Airman Kristeena Gonzalez at 687-6123 or e-mail 509bwpa@whiteman.af.mil. Be sure to include the date and time you want the message to be posted. Use these boxes to determine the length of your message per screen:

New first sergeants join wing

Master Sgts. Darlene Buss and Jay Gomez met all eligibility criteria, successfully completed the Air Force First Sergeant's Academy and were appointed first sergeants for the 509th Mission Support Squadron and 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, respectively.

In a ceremony filled with history and dating back to the 17th century, the two new first sergeants were asked to pledge their lives to helping the troops they serve.

As every first sergeant has done before them, they each recited the first sergeant's creed, which reads in part, "I am a first sergeant, my job is people. Everyone is my business. I dedicate my time and energy to their needs."

Sergeant Buss has a maintenance background and served as production expeditor for the 28th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., until March. Her background includes B-52 and B-1B aircraft.

She said becoming a first sergeant was the right thing to do.



Buss



Gomez

"Not everyone wants this kind of job. I've had people tell me I should never have done this. One past supervisor told me I had ruined my career; I don't believe I did," Sergeant Buss said. "Being able to help people is very gratifying to me. Everyone needs some kind of help in their life. For the Air Force family, the 'shirt' will be there to make that happen."

Sergeant Gomez has a supply and E-3 Sentry airborne warning and control system background. While performing AWACS duties, Sergeant Gomez served as the NCO in charge of wing counter drug operations for the 552nd Operational Support Squadron and as an E-3 senior surveillance technician for the 963rd Airborne Air Control Squadron at Tinker AFB, Okla., until March.

He said there are many reasons why he became a first sergeant, but if he had to pick one, it would be the ability to help people.

"I've always wanted to do two things since I came in the Air Force. One was to fly and the other was to be a first sergeant," said Sergeant Gomez, who earned his wings in 1998 and flew for six years with AWACS. "Now, I swell up with pride when I glance down my sleeve and see the diamond on my rank. I can honestly say I'm living my dream and having lots of fun in the process. My only hope is that God blesses me with the ability to make a difference."

The two graduated from the First Sergeant's Academy in February. *(Courtesy of the Whiteman First Sergeants)*

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The importance of volunteers



Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

Jenny Clark, Jodi Smith and Shelly Fleming, Airman's Attic volunteers, sort through donated goods during an all-ranks day. Items ranging from books and clothes to furniture are donated to the Airman's Attic and available free to staff sergeants and below. "(The Airman's Attic) is a place with a purpose. It makes peoples' lives easier," Mrs. Fleming said.



Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

509th Medical Group pharmacy volunteer Shirley Hurst, verifies a prescription with Wilma Baker. Mrs. Hurst and fellow pharmacy volunteer Ruth Avery help the pharmacy services staff fill prescriptions and handle customer care.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Laedon

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Jim Tomlinson, Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 114, watches a Hornets soccer practice. Petty Officer Tomlinson and fellow coach Tech. Sgt. Darrin Tobias, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, said they volunteer more than four hours per week coordinating practices and games for this youth center soccer team. The season consists of eight games and eight practices.

2004 Volunteer Excellence Award winners



Julie Mayer
Thrift Shop



Jenise Mugler
Whiteman Elementary



Jodi Smith
Airman's Attic



Christine Bartholomew
Chapel and 4-H Club

The Air Force Volunteer Excellence Award was established to recognize federal civilians, family members, and military and federal retirees who perform outstanding volunteer community service. The VEA is to recognize exceptional long-term community support. To be awarded the VEA, eligible people must be nominated by their supervisors. To nomi-

nate a volunteer, a one-page, direct, fact-filled, results-oriented Air Force Form 1206 must be completed. The nomination should highlight the volunteer's service and include leadership roles, scope of responsibility, innovative and creative ideas, community involvement and reliability. Nominations must be submitted to the family support center.

By Senior Airman Nick Martin
Public Affairs

From Airmen Against Drunk Driving to Whiteman Elementary School, volunteers make a positive difference in peoples' lives daily.

Basewide volunteers make an immeasurable impact. They teach sportsmanship to Whiteman's youth, address retiree affairs, offer pet care, counseling, mentoring and a myriad of help to our community.

One of the more than 25 base agencies that has volunteer support is the youth center. Debbie Kermick, 509th Services Squadron, works closely with people who volunteer at the youth center.

"We currently have volunteers working in our youth sports, 4-H and social recreation programs, impacting more than 400 of Whiteman's youth per month," she said.

At the youth center, more than 90 volunteers contributed 6,200 hours in 2003. During 2003, on-base volunteers provided 51,355 hours of service to their community. Using the Points of Light Foundation cost per hour figure of \$17.04, volunteers gave more than \$875,000 in "free labor."

Volunteers also touch our spiritual lives. More than 200 volunteers support the base chapel and chapel-sponsored events, like the Approved Workers Are Not Ashamed youth program, logging thousands of hours yearly.

"Without all of the men and women serving (as volunteers), many of the programs we have simply wouldn't happen," Chaplain (Capt.) Shane Gaster said.

Chaplain (Capt.) Dan Forman added, "The vast majority of the men and women who volunteer don't see themselves as vol-

unteers but as servants of the Lord."

Jennie Rhoden, Thrift Shop manager, shared Chaplain Forman's sentiment. "Volunteers give selflessly of their time to people in their communities just to help the greater good," she said.

Volunteers are also an extension of the work force, enabling military members to focus on mission requirements.

Volunteers contribute to the healthy development of children. Because the youth are taking part in these age-appropriate activities, military members can work knowing their children are safe and engaged in numerous base-sponsored activities, said Mrs. Kermick.

The Volunteer Resource Program, run by family support center members, is designed to coordinate base volunteers with various base agencies that either require their support to function or can better benefit the community with added volunteer help. The FSC staff handles recruitment, training, placement, tracking and recognition for many of Whiteman's volunteer positions.

Volunteer programs on base are primarily headed by volunteers as well, such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Thrift Shop and Airmen's Attic. Alan Stachowiak, 509th Mission Support Squadron FSC, said volunteers are important because they contribute to the concept of "healthy community."

"People feeling good about themselves and what they do in life makes them reach out to others," he said. "Volunteerism allows people to give back without any expectation of compensation. This all contributes to a healthy wing community."

There are more than 500 people volunteering on base; this doesn't include those who volunteer in the local community.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, call the FSC at 687-7132.



Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

Thrift Store volunteers Crystal Jones and Marine Cebollada, determine prices on items. The Thrift Shop sells consignment merchandise and donates 25 percent of each sale to local and national charities. The remainder goes back to the consignor. People who consign merchandise can receive a tax deduction for the 25 percent of their sale price donated to charity.

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What's happening

Education

For more details, visit <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm> or call 687-5750.

Education center schedules closing

The education center closes at 11 a.m. May 7 for a staff event. Call for more details.

Commissioning briefing set

A commissioning briefing begins at 1:30 p.m. May 13 at the education center. This briefing is open to enlisted members seeking an Air Force commission. Call for more details.

Scholastic Aptitude Test scheduled

Active-duty and reserve military members may take the Scholastic Aptitude Test at 7:30 a.m. May 14. Call for more details.

Community

Tobacco cessation classes set

Tobacco cessation classes begin at 11 a.m. Thursday and May 13. For more details, call Tech. Sgt. Monica Botch at 687-2199.

Top 3 to award scholarships

The Whiteman Top 3 Association will give away three \$300 scholarship grants to Whiteman Air Force Base members and their families. Scholarship funds come from a variety of Whiteman Top 3 fundraising activities. These activities include die cast model sales and POW/MIA bracelet sales. Applications for the scholarship grant are available at the education center or from the Whiteman intranet at <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/top3/Scholarships.shtml>. The application package consists of the application form, transcripts of previous classes and a single-page essay. For more details, call Senior Master Sgt. Teresa Wolfenden at 687-2389.

ALS schedules events

✓ The airman leadership school Class 04-D retreat begins at 4 p.m. today at the base flagpole at Bldg. 509. Participants must be in place by 3:45 p.m.

✓ The ALS Class 04-D reveille begins at 7:30 a.m. May 6 at the ALS drill pad. Participants must be in place by 7:25 a.m.

Hope seminar scheduled at chapel

A seminar called “Celebrate Hope” begins at 6 p.m. Mondays at the chapel and 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the education center. This is an arena for those who are afraid of reprisal for seeking help. For more details, call Senior Airman Kiilani Keeter at 687-6090.

Handbell choir to perform

The Columbia Handbell Ensemble performs at 7:30 p.m. in the Charity Christian Church in Knob Noster. This event is sponsored by the Whiteman chapel. For more details, call Kathy Paganoni at 563-3684.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

TAP program available

A three-day transition assistance program for people separating or retiring from the military begins at 8 a.m. Tuesday. Attendees will learn basic resume writing skills, interviewing skills, salary negotiation, and receive information on education and Veterans Administration benefits. Reservations are required.

Family album



Levi Hunter, son of Capt. Sam and Sarah Parrott, was born April 7, and weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces.



Elizabeth Larryn, daughter of Steven and Deborah Gallagher, was born Feb. 29, and weighed 6 pounds and 14 ounces.



Cade Andrew, son of Staff Sgt. Jon and Nicole Newbauer, was born Feb. 5, and weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces.



Megan Kay, daughter of 2nd Lt. John and Angela Garvey, was born April 21, and weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces.



Anissa Leila, daughter of Tech. Sgts. Nate and Andrea Warren, was born March 7, and weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces.

Family album

The family album runs the last Friday of every month. Parents interested in placing a newborn's photo in the Whiteman Spirit can either submit a non-copyrighted photo to public affairs or have a photo taken 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays in Bldg. 509, Suite 111. For more details, call 687-6133 or e-mail whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil.

Photos not available

Ashley Marie, daughter of Master Sgt. John and Jennifer Sarmiento, was born March 21, and weighed 6 pounds and 12 ounces.
Alexis Kierra, daughter of Airman 1st Class Lemetric and Kristina Wadley, was born March 25, and weighed 7 pounds and 6 ounces.
Kaylee Louise, daughter of Robert and Airman Amy Bowden, was born March 30, and weighed 8 pounds and 5 ounces.
Nicholas Grik, son of Capt. Ian and Lara Nanire,

was born March 31, and weighed 9 pounds and 2 ounces.
Jaedyn Isaiah, son of Senior Airman Percy Wallace and Airman 1st Class Kasey Jo Carr, was born April 7, and weighed 7 pounds and 1 ounce.
John Edwin, son of Airman 1st Class John Burgess and Janae Burgess, was born April 7, and weighed 7 pounds and 9 ounces.
Taylor MacKenzie, daughter of Senior Airman James and Jennifer Trudell, was born April 8, and

weighed 8 pounds and 3 ounces.
Jacob Phenix, son of Senior Airmen Dorian and Jenny Settles, was born April 9, and weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces.
Lydia Catherine, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Richard and Cheryl Barker, was born April 9, and weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces.
Kyana Seini, daughter of Airman 1st Class Kemar and Yanice Rookwood, was born March 31, and weighed 9 pounds and 2 ounces.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Giving 100 percent

Michael Horenziak, 509th Medical Support Squadron, scored a 100 on his fitness test April 13. Horenziak did 60 pushups in one minute, 63 sit-ups in one minute and ran 1.5 miles in 8 minutes, 45 seconds. Horenziak said he runs five to six times a week, totaling 30-40 miles.



Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

Martial arts mayhem

David Shunk, tae kwon do black belt instructor, demonstrates a take-down technique with David Parks, 509th Maintenance Group. Tae kwon do classes begin at 11 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more details, call the fitness center at 687-5496.

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Whiteman Sports



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Soccer kicks off

The 2004 Whiteman Intramural soccer season began April 21. Alyssia Balcita, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, dribbles the ball up field during a 6-2 loss to the Flyers Monday.

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Sports & Recreation

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Intramural bass fishing

The intramural bass fishing competition continues Thursday at Windsor Crossing and the fourth competition is May 20 at Bucksaw Marina. A one-time \$20 entry fee must be paid before the tournament. Call outdoor recreation for rules and more details.

Boater safety class

This required class involves classroom and lake activities for the intended use of rental boats with a 15 horsepower motor or more. A combined class is available 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, a session-one class is available 11 a.m.-noon May 13 and 27, and session-two classes are available 1-4:30 p.m. Saturday and 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. May 20. Spaces are limited, sign up early.

Open water scuba orientation

Scuba classes take place 5:30-10 p.m. June 14-18 at the base pool. The \$190 fee includes instruction, books and use of equipment. Sign up by May 26 at outdoor recreation. Call for requirements of personal equipment use and to sign up.

Katy Trail ride

Take a 27-mile bike ride along the Katy Trail 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. May 15. Bring your bike, water and lunch to travel from Clifton City to New Franklin, Mo. Outdoor recreation will provide free bikes and helmets if needed. There's a \$7 transportation fee. Sign up by May 13.

Family horseback riding adventure

Go horseback riding in Ava, Mo., May 8-9. The bus will leave outdoor recreation at 9:30 a.m. May 8 and return by 3:30 p.m. May 9. The \$50 fee per person includes six hours of horseback riding, other extracurricular activities, one night lodging, breakfast, dinner and transportation. This trip is for families only; sign up by Tuesday.

Stars and Strikes 687-5114

Mother's Day special

Bowling and rental shoes are free for mothers when bowling with their children May 9 in honor of Mother's Day.

Summer bowling league

Today is the last day to sign up for the summer bowling leagues beginning Saturday. Tuesdays are regular leagues, Wednesdays are adult and child leagues, and Thursdays are mixed leagues. Call Stars & Strikes for more details.

Tickets & Travel 687-5496

Get ready for summer

Purchase theme park tickets for the summer at Tickets & Travel for less. Worlds of Fun in Kansas City, Mo., is offering \$21 adult admission until June 30. Silver Dollar City, Celebration City and White Water in Branson, Mo., offer a two-day ticket for the price of one day. Six Flags in St. Louis has season passes for \$49. Call Tickets & Travel for all theme parks across the country.

Royal Oaks 687-5572

Kids golf

Children 6-13 can learn how to play golf 9 a.m.-noon May 24 through June 4. The \$49.95 fee includes golf clubs, five one-hour group sessions, a training booklet, and a child and parent tournament. The cost for youths with golf clubs is only \$25. Sign up by Wednesday at Royal Oaks.

Whiteman's ACC Bowling Champs



Dean Hinther, Stacey Langley, Michele Tyler, Brian Hill traveled to Davis Monthan Air Force Base, AZ for the Air Combat Command bowling tournament.



Youth Center 687-5586

Bump City trip

Fifth through seventh graders can travel to Bump City at Great American Gymnastics 5-10 p.m. May 7 in Blue Springs, Mo. The cost is \$7 for members and \$8.50 for nonmembers. Sign up begins Monday at the youth center.

Hangout night

Fifth through seventh graders can attend hangout night 6-9 p.m. Saturday at the youth center. The cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers. Sign up at the youth center.

Part day specialty camps

Three camps are available for fourth through seventh graders 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. June 7-10, June 14-17 and June 21-24. The \$30 fee for members and \$38 fee for nonmembers includes lunch. Pick up a registration package at the youth center. Sign up begins Monday.

Pepsi-Pitch, Hit and Run

Youth 7-14 can compete in the Pepsi-Pitch, Hit and Run* beginning at 11 a.m. May 8 at the youth baseball fields. National finalists will receive a trip to Houston, Texas, for the 2004 All-Star week. Register by Thursday for this free event at the youth center.

Skate night

Kindergartners through fourth graders can skate 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 7 at the youth center. The cost is \$5 for members and \$6.50 for nonmembers. Sign up begins Monday.

Air Force Science Adventure camp

Children 7-12 can attend a science adventure camp 9 a.m.-noon May 28 at the youth center. The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Priority will be given to youth with a deployed parent. Sign up begins Monday.

Around the world night

Kindergartners through fourth graders are welcome to attend around the world night 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 14 at the youth center. Play games and learn about other cultures. The cost is \$5 for members and \$6.50 for nonmembers. Sign up begins May 10.

Teen Center 687-5819

Work site supervisor training

Supervisors interested in having teens volunteer for the summer, can attend work site supervisor training at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the community center. For more details, call the teen center.

Youth employment skills program

Gain work experience through volunteering while earning money toward a college education. Attend a free orientation session to complete required paperwork and learn about possible job sites to volunteer for this summer. Orientation begins at 6 p.m. Thursday or May 20 at the teen center. The participant's military sponsor must be present.

Friday night flick

Teens are welcome to watch a movie of their choice beginning at 7 p.m. May 14 at the teen center. Popcorn will be provided. This is free for members and \$1 for nonmembers.



Food & Fun



Mission's End 687-4422

Mongolian barbecue

A Mongolian barbecue takes place 5:30-8 p.m. May 7 at Mission's End. Pork, beef, shrimp, egg rolls, rice and more will be offered. The cost is \$10.95 for members and \$12.95 for nonmembers.

Mission's End to serve breakfast

Breakfast will be served 6:30-8 a.m. weekdays beginning Monday at Mission's End. The daily buffet includes scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, biscuits and gravy, hashbrowns, pancakes, fruit, orange juice and coffee. The cost is \$4 for members, and \$5 for nonmembers.



Community Activities



Family Child Care 687-5590

FCC Orientation Class

Receive free training to become a family child care provider 8 a.m.-4 p.m. May 17-21. Providers with chronic health problems are accepted. Sign up by May 14. Stop by the family child care office and pick up a registration package at any time during office hours.

Child Development Center 687-5588

Developmental Enrichment Program

Developmental Enrichment is accepting enrollments for fall pre-school. It's open to children 3 to 5 years old not requiring full time care. Children must be 3 years old by July 31.

Drop-in care

The child development center has drop-in day care for children 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. on a space-available basis.

Ozark Inn 687-5469

Ozark Inn closure

The Ozark Inn closes at 8 p.m. and will re-open Aug. 1.

Community Center 687-5617

Tantalizing toddler contest

Enter your toddler's picture into the tantalizing toddler contest Monday through May 8. Children must be 12 to 24 months old. Pictures will be displayed at the community center for voting. Votes will be counted May 28. Call for more details.

Skate park certification class

A skate park certification class begins at 5 p.m. Thursday. Learn safety rules and register for a helmet sticker. The cost is \$5. Participants must be accompanied by a parent.

X-treme wheels expo and competition

Ollies Skate Team from Sedalia will give a skateboarding exhibition at 1 p.m. May 8 at the skate park. Register for events the day of the competition. Non-certified skaters must attend the certification class. Sponsored in-part by American Ramp* and Ollies Skate Shop.*

Kansas City Royals bus trip

Travel to a Kansas City Royals vs. Oakland A's baseball game 5:30-11:30 p.m. May 14. The \$10 fee includes admission and transportation. Sign up at the community center the day of the event.

Skills Development Center 687-5691

Elegant decoupage boxes

Learn to make a decoupage box 10 a.m.-noon May 8 at the skills development center. The \$10 fee includes instruction and supplies. Sign up by noon May 7.

Framing class

Take a framing class 9 a.m.-noon May 5 at the skills development center. The \$40 fee includes instruction and supplies. Sign up by noon Tuesday.

Stepping stone class

Take a three-session stepping stone class 9 a.m.-noon May 12, 19 and 22 at the skills development center. The cost is \$35 plus supplies. Sign up by noon May 11.

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